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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A laundry additive sachet, the sachet comprised of fibres which do not exhibit an affinity for fugitive dye or dirt, wherein said fibres are polypropylene, polyethylene, polyamide, polyethylene tetraphthalate, or mixtures thereof, the sachet defining a cavity, the laundry additive being located in the cavity and comprising a dye absorbing agent and/or a dirt binding agent.

Claim 2. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the sachet is water permeable and insoluble.

Claim 3. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dye absorbing and the dirt binding agent is a compound that irreversibly binds dirt or dye or both.

Claims 4 – 5 (Cancelled)

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Claim 6. (Currently amended) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dye absorbing agent and the dirt binding agent are selected ~~from~~ from the group consisting of ethoxylated cationic diamine, ethoxylated cationic polyamine, ethoxylated cationic amine polymers, polymers/co-polymers of maleic/acrylic acid, polyacrylic-maleic phosphono-end group copolymer, quaternary ammonium-hydroxy-haloalkyl, epoxyalkyl ammonium, polyquaternary ammonium, polyamphoterics, cationic starches, proteins, chitin, chitosan, polyvinyl amine, polyethylene imine, polyethoxylated-quaternized-sulfated amine polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinyl pyridine-N-oxide (PVNO), crosslinked PVNO (XL-PVNO), Poly vinyl ~~imidazol~~ imidazole polyvinyl alcohol, polyamine-N-oxide, ~~PVPPVA~~ amine, magnesium aluminate, ~~poly-ethylene imines~~, polyvinyl oxazolidone, cationic surfactants, amphoteric surfactants and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dye absorbing agent is ~~selected from the group consisting of XL-PVNO, Tinofix-FRD and mixtures thereof.~~

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Claim 8. (Currently amended) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dirt binding agent is selected ~~from~~ from the group consisting of XL-PVNO, acrylic acid/maleic acid copolymers having molecular weight between 1000 and ~~1,000,000~~ 1,000,000, ethoxylated cationic diamine and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dye absorbing agent and the dirt binding agent is a compound that performs both functions.

Claim 10. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 wherein the dye absorbing and/or the dirt binding agent is supported on a carrier.

Claim 11. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 10 wherein the carrier is a cotton sheet.

Claim 12. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 10 wherein the carrier and dye absorbing agent provide a visual indication of the scavenging of any fugitive dyes.

Claim 13. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 additionally comprising a water softening agent.

Claim 14. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 13 wherein the water softening agent is selected from the group consisting of ion exchange resin, builders, anti-encrustation agents and mixtures thereof

Claim 15. (Original) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 additionally comprising brighteners, bleaching agents, bleach activators, bleach catalysts, chelating agents, surfactants, perfumes, disinfecting agents, enzymes and mixtures thereof.

Claim 16. (Original) A process of washing dyed fabrics comprising the steps of diluting, dissolving or dispersing a conventional detergent composition in a bath of wash water and adding the laundry additive sachet according to claim 1 to the wash water and subsequently contacting said dyed fabrics with said wash water.

Claim 17. (New) A laundry additive sachet according to claim 10 wherein the carrier is zeolite.